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1. On the line Timoshbara-Arad, half a mile back from the Rumanian-Yugoslav border there are trenches varying in length from 150 to 180 cm. They connect with shelters varying in depth from 150 to 180 cm. There are nest for machine guns and perhaps some light artillery. On strategic high points there are heavy machine guns (m.g.s.) and AAA. The machine guns are Soviet Maxims. The USSR "Simonov" system is used. USSR automatics, type "Spagin", model 41 are used.
2. Ammunition supply is along zigzag communication trenches. The zigzags are said to be 30 m. each way. OP's are supplied with telephones. Artillery is concentrated in two main strategic areas.
3. The area is occupied by a full-strength Soviet division, with complete motorized artillery. Its posts reach as far south as Turnu Severin, occupying the villages of Burila Mare, Flamanda, Gogosu, Gruia, and Starmina (not located). Each battalion has 14 platoons. Nothing is known of company organization. Along the actual frontier itself are 6,000 Frontier Guards under Soviet officers. Though discipline is severe, the men are well treated, receiving sufficient food, cigarettes, clothing, good shoes, and extra living allowances. These men come from Bessarabia and Moldavia. The Frontier Guards are enlisted for three years.

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4. Rumanian commissars, assisting Soviet officers, are Sava Andrei and Ian Lup Viroshovici. Both are from a Soviet military academy.
5. There is another important Frontier Guard center at Orsova on the Danube. This center is also used for propaganda work among the Yugoslavs. There are unidentified Rumanian infantry units here, under Soviet officers. Among the instructors there are twice as many Soviet as Rumanian officers.
6. During the year 1951 the following Rumanian classes were completely trained and moved toward the general frontier area:
- Class 1927 - two series
 - Class 1928 - entire class
 - Class 1929 - entire class
 - Class 1930 - first series trained; second series now called. The annual contingent for 1951 is reported as 150,000 men. About 15 percent of these go to labor troop units.
7. There is an airfield at Timoshovara at which 50 to 60 planes of various types are stationed. There are lights for night landing, fire services and oil depots.

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